(e) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Task force report on National Policy on Co-operatives

2096. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task force appointed to implement a National Policy on Co-operatives has discussed the need for a single legislation for Co-operative societies; and

(b) if so, by what time the task force is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The Task Force has recommended a single liberalised Co-operative Societies Act for a State.

(b) The Task Force has since submitted its report.

Encouraging Agriculture on Hilly Land

2097. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to encourage agriculture on hilly land in the country where rain-fall is in abundance;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes in the North-Eastern States;

(c) how many new varieties of crops for the hilly area have been discovered with details on achievements; and

(d) what would be their extent of productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Development of agriculture in North-Eastern and hilly regions is one of the thrust areas of the Tenth Plan.

(b) The programmes being implemented in North-Eastern States are given in the enclosed statement-I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) A number of varieties of rice, wheat and maize developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research for hilly areas alongwith productivity are given in the enclosed statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of the programme being implemented in the North Eastern States

Sl. No.	Name of the Programmes/Schemes	Name of the North-Eastern States where scheme is being implemented
1.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Macro Management of Agriculture (Under this there are 27 schemes for development of agriculture and states have flexibility to take up these schemes and their components)	All North Eastern States
2.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim".	All North Eastern States
3.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "On-Farm Water Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India".	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram
4.	Watershed Development project for Shifting Cultivation Areas.	All North-Eastern States
5.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Accelerated Maize Development Programme".	All North-Eastern States
6.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Oilseed Production Programme".	All North-Eastern States
7.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "National Pulses Development Project".	All North-Eastern States
8.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini-Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton".	Tripura
9.	Central Sector Scheme on "Trar sport Subsidy for Movement of Seed to the North Eastern States	All North Eastern States

Sl. No.	Name of the Programmes/Schemes	Name of the North Eastern States where scheme is being implemented
	including Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and hill areas of West Bengal".	
10.	National Seed Research and Training Centre.	Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.
11.	Central Sector Scheme on "Demonstration of Newly Developed Agriculture Equipments including Horticulture Equipments at Farmers Field".	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Manipur.

Statement-II

Details of important varieties developed and released for hilly areas by Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Crop/variety	Year of Release	Productivity Q/ha.	Area of Adaptation
Rice			
VL-Dhan 61	1997	50-54	Hills of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh under irrigated transplanted conditions.
VL-Dhan 81	1999	40.00	Valley and hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.
Vivek Dhan 62	2000	46.00	Valley and hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and West Bengal.
Vivek Dhan-82	2001	45-50	Hilly areas of Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya
Pusa RH-10 (Hybrid)	2001	43-44	Uttaranchal, Western Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana.
VL-206		3.5t/ha	Hills of Mizoram.
Wheat			
VL-738	1997	26.00	Northern Hill zone of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and eight hill Distt. of Uttar Pradesh.

Crop/variety	Year of	productivity Release	Area of Adaptation Q/ha.
HS 365	1997	18.00	For high altitude of Northern hills zone comprising hills of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.
VL-804	2002	35-40	Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and hills of Uttaranchal.
Maize			
HIM-129	1997	40-45	Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Hills of Uttar Pradesh.
MMH-133	1997	41-50	Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam.
4210 (PRO 316)	1999	35-40	Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, hills of Uttar Pradesh entire North-East including Sikkim and Assam.
Seedtec-740	2001	65-70	Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal.

Programmes of Agricultural and Technological Universities of ICAR

2098. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/programmes of Agricultural and Technological Universities funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Union Government in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any mechanism for evaluating the achievements; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sponsored 53 All India Coordinated Research